

**FIRST RECORD OF PALAEMON CONCINNUS DANA, 1852 (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA: PALAEMONIDAE) FROM AUSTRALIA.** *Memoirs of the Queensland Museum* 38(2):622. 1995:- *Palaemon concinnus* is widely distributed in the Indo-West Pacific region but has not been previously recorded from Australia, despite being known from neighbouring areas such as New Guinea (Holthuis, 1982) and New Caledonia (Holthuis, 1970). Four specimens collected from Palm Island, northeast Queensland by Mr Hamar Midgley in 1977, were found in the unidentified collections of the Queensland Museum. Further material was discovered at the Northern Fisheries Centre, Cairns, after an invitation by Mr Warren Lee Long (Queensland Department of Primary Industries) to examine and identify Crustacea collected during their Johnstone River Catchment Survey. Abbreviations: QM, Queensland Museum; QDPI, Queensland Department of Primary Industries; NEQ, northeast Queensland. All measurements are carapace length from the orbit to the posterior margin.

*Palaemon concinnus* Dana, 1852

#### Restricted synonymy

*Palaemon concinnus* Dana, 1852: 26.  
*Palaemon exilimanus* Dana, 1852: 26.  
*Leander longicarpus* Stimpson, 1860: 40.  
*Palaemon lagdoensis* Blanco, 1939: 167, pl. 1.  
*Palaemon (Palaemon) concinnus*: Holthuis, 1950: 61, fig. 12.  
*Palaemon concinnus*: Chace & Bruce, 1993: 40.

#### Material Examined

QMW14793, 2♀ (12.6, 12.8mm), Palm Is., airport swamp, NEQ, July 1977, S.H. Midgley; QMW16427, 1♂ (9.2mm), 1♀ (13.6mm), *Ibid.*; QMW18730, 1♂ (19.9mm), 1♀ (6.4mm), Bamboo Ck, Innisfail, NEQ, freshwater tidal reach, silt, fringing rainforest, water clarity high, *Vallisneria*, *Blyxa*, *Aponogeton*, fallen timber, leaf litter, DO<sub>2</sub> 60% saturation, 1m depth, electrofished, 1992, QDPI Northern Fisheries Centre, Johnstone R. Catchment Survey; QMW19615, 1♀ (8.1mm), unnamed tributary of Johnstone R., NEQ, 17°29.0'S, 146°01.9'E, freshwater, lotic, water temperature 28.2°C, DO<sub>2</sub> 87.0%, turbidity 2.0 NTU, electrofished, 10/4/1992, QDPI Northern Fisheries Centre, Johnstone R. Catchment Survey.

#### Remarks

Male specimens examined have a rudimentary appendix interna on the endopod of the first male pleopod, a feature that distinguishes *P. concinnus* from other species of the genus. Other diagnostic features such as the rostrum and antennular flagellae also agree well with published descriptions and

figures. Bruce (1987) provided a key to the six species of *Palaemon* previously recorded from Australia - *P. debilis* Dana, 1852; *P. litoreus* (McCulloch, 1909); *P. macrodactylus* Rathbun, 1902; *P. semmelinkii* (de Man, 1881); *P. serenus* (Heller, 1862); and *P. serrifer* (Stimpson, 1860).

This species is recorded in the literature from salt, brackish and freshwater. The Australian records are from coastal lowland fresh waters in the wet tropical region of northeast Queensland.

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